



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5290

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN DORMITORIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (b) No person shall smoke: (1) In any building or portion of a
5 building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political
6 subdivision thereof except in a smoking area; (2) in any area of a health
7 care institution other than a smoking area, provided the smoking area
8 may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice shall be
9 posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is prohibited by
10 state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the general
11 public; (4) in any public area of a restaurant having a seating capacity
12 of seventy-five or more persons, unless a sign is posted which
13 indicates that smoking is permitted in such area, provided (i) no such
14 restaurant shall be designated, in its entirety, as a smoking area, (ii)
15 smoking may be prohibited in rooms used for private social functions,
16 and (iii) a sign is posted at the entrance of the restaurant indicating the
17 availability of nonsmoking areas; (5) notwithstanding the provisions of
18 section 31-40q, within a public school building while school is in
19 session or student activities are being conducted; [and] (6) in any
20 passenger elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating

21 this subsection unless there is posted in such room or elevator a sign
22 which indicates that smoking is prohibited by state law; and (7) in any
23 dormitory room in any public institution of higher education. This
24 subsection shall not apply to correctional facilities, [dormitory rooms
25 in any public institution of higher education,] psychiatric facilities,
26 public housing projects as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-278a
27 or classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of
28 a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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